



WARNER WEEKLY

News & Information at Your Fingertips

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Lt. Col. Stephen Maranian, commander 4th Bn., 319th Field Artillery Regiment, and Command Sergeant Major Mark Brandenburg roll the battalion guidon before casing the colors during a ceremony at Warner Barracks May 1. Family and community members attended the ceremony, which marks the battalion's last official event before its deployment to Afghanistan. The battalion deploys as part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade headquartered in Vicenza, Italy.

Community Announcements

Community yard sale this weekend

A Community Wide Yard Sale will take place on Sat. May 5 and Sun. May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both on-base and off-base residents can set-up sale items in the Parking Lot across from Building 7000, or in their yard. No permits, no fees required on either of these days. Take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of your unwanted stuff while spring cleaning! For more information please contact the Directorate of Human Resources at DSN 469-7713 or CIV 0951-300-7713. In the event of inclement weather, May 11 and 12 have been scheduled as a rain date.

Thrift shop open this Saturday!

All white tagged (not consigned) clothing and shoes are only .25 cents per item at the Thrift Shop on Sat. May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ONE DAY ONLY!

Wed. May 9 — Attend Community Town Hall

The next Community Town Hall will be on Wed. May 9 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. Community leaders from the Garrison Command Group, Directorate of Public Works, AAFES, Service Credit Union, Commissary, DMWR, DoDDs, Chaplains Office, Legal Assistance and more will be on hand to answer your questions and address your concerns.

CMR to open in May

The new consolidated mail room (CMR) located in Bldg. 7116 (next to AAFES food court) will be open on Mon. May 7. Customers from each unit can begin picking up their mail at the CMR according to the transfer schedule below. All mail rooms will be closed for one business day to make the switch.

UNIT	Mail Room Closed	Begin using CMR
USAG Bamberg	Fri. May 4	Mon. May 7
71st CSB	Wed. May 9	Thurs. May 10
16th SB	Fri. May 11	Mon. May 14
4-319th	Mon. May 14	Tue. May 15
54th En Bn	Wed May 16	Thur. May 17
173rd STB	Fri. May 18	Mon. May 21
173rd BSB	Mon. May 21	Tue. May 22
793rd	Wed. May 23	Thur. May 24

Customers can access their mailboxes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The CMR customer service window / package pick-up hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

The new consolidated mail room facility will be officially opened during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Mon. May 14 at 11 a.m. If you haven't seen the new facility yet, stop by and check it out.

Month of May celebrates Asian/Pacific-Islander



Design by Pete Hemmer, DEOMI

Heritage

During the month of May, we celebrate the important role Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played in efforts to build a strong and successful America.

May was chosen for the observance because it coincides with two important events in American history—the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the contributions Chinese immigrants

made to the building of the transcontinental railroad which was completed May 10, 1869.

Per a 1997 directive, the Asian or Pacific Islander racial category was separated into two categories: "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau www.census.gov and the Chief Librarian, Karen Olender, at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute <https://www.deomi.org>.

Don't miss the .25 cent Spring clothing Sale at the Thrift Shop! The Thrift Shop will be open on Sat. May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All white tagged (not consigned) clothing and shoes are .25 cents a piece.

Community Announcements

Sat. May 19 — Attend Hawaiian Luau and celebrate diversity in Bamberg

In celebration of Asian / Pacific-Islander Heritage Month, the Bamberg community is invited to a Hawaiian Luau on Sat. May 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Warner Club. The event will feature the Island Dancers of Wiesbaden, free samples of traditional Filipino, Korean, Hawaiian and Guamanian foods, activities for kids and much more. Celebrate diversity and join the fun! For more information contact SFC Freeman at DSN:469-8624.



To learn more about the Asian American / Pacific Islander Heritage visit these websites.



Asian and Asian American Organizations
http://awib.org/content_frames/directory/asian
Lists Asian and Pacific Islander organizations by state. Includes culture, resource, professional, legal, health, etc., links.

Asian-Nation

<http://www.asian-nation.org/heritage.shtml>
Includes historical articles, statistics, and famous National Museum of American

History Asian/Pacific Americans in the U.S. Army
<http://www.army.mil/asianpacificsoldiers/resources.html>
Provides links to news stories, posters/wallpaper, etc.

Asian Pacific Americans

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/events/programdetail.cfm?newskey=38> *Provides both historical and current information on Asian Pacific Americans. Events, programs, and exhibitions are listed.*

Hawaii

http://www.smithsonianglobalsound.org/cultural_heritage_05.aspx
Features online exhibits, video clips, and music of Hawaii.

Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc.

<http://womensmemorial.org/Education/APA.html>
This link features Asian Pacific American servicewomen's accomplishments.

May 7 – 11 — Annual Spring Clean-up

ON-POST—Bulk items will be picked-up in on-post housing May 9 -11 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Residents should place all unwanted bulk items outside for pick-up. The last pick-up will be on May 11 at 4 p.m.

OFF-POST—Leased and off-post housing quarters should use City Bulk dates. Units are required to take their bulk trash and bags of debris to the Recycling Center and separate.

Areas to focus on cleaning this Spring include: basement hallways, behind and under washers and dryers, stairwells, windows inside and out, the overhang over front doors and large common storage rooms. Don't forget to pick up debris and trash outside your building! For more information contact: Mr. Weis at DSN 469-7598/8849 DPW-Environmental Office or Housing Zone Coordinator SSG King at DSN 469-8115

The Self-Help Store has the equipment to make your Spring Cleaning a breeze! We are located at Bldg. 7039 across from the MWR Car Wash. Open Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Flowers available starting May 23



It's flower time at the Bamberg Self-Help Store! The Directorate of Public Works is offering an assortment of free plants and flowers to on-post residents on a first-come-first-serve basis starting Wed. May 23. Supply is limited to six plants per household. Remember to pick up free potting soil, (limited to three bags, per household, per year) flower boxes with brackets, grass seed

and mulch. Additional lawn and garden care items can be purchased at the Bamberg AAFES Garden Center.

Self-Help is located across from the MWR Car Wash. Open Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and CLOSED on weekends and all German and American holidays. For more information call 0951-300-7669.

Tue. May 22 - Honor the Stars of our Community at annual ceremony

NEW Date!

This year's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held on Tue. May 22 at 6 p.m. at the Warner Club. The ceremony will recognize over 300 dedicated volunteers from the Bamberg community. Everyone is welcome to attend and show their appreciation for the stars of our community! For more information contact Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator Kimberly Millner at Army Community Service, CIV 0951-300-7777.

Deploying soon?

If you haven't applied for a passport yet, stop the Bamberg Passport Office and apply prior to deploying. While you are gone your application will be processed, and your new passport will be ready and waiting when you return. Pick up a list of what you need to get started at the passport office.

No Handwritten Applications

Handwritten passport applications can no longer be accepted by the passport office. All passport applicants are now required to use the new electronic application form. A brochure listing the requirements is available at the passport office.

Are you active duty and would like to become a U.S. Citizen?

The recent changes in the relevant sections of the INA (Sections 328 and 329) make it easier for qualified military personnel to become U.S. Citizens. Even if you are deploying, you can complete your interview and ceremony down range. Stop by the passport office to pick up a Naturalization Packet.

The passport office is located in the ACS Bldg. Room 114 and is open Mon. through Fri. from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

What are you doing this summer? Summer Hire 2007 applications are being accepted now through May 11. Log-on to <http://www.chra.eur.army.mil/staffing/summerhire/default.htm>

Community Closures / Changes

USAG Bamberg Mailroom closed today

The USAG Bamberg (Garrison) mail room is closed today, May 4 to transfer services to the new CMR. All USAG Bamberg mailroom customers can pick-up their mail at the CMR Bldg. 7116 starting at 9 a.m. on Mon. May 7. All CMR customers will need to set their new mailbox combination locks. Please remember your box number. Unit mail rooms will transfer according to the schedule on page 1.

Construction, Repairs, Improvements



Road detour

JFK Blvd. will be blocked in between the ACS building and JFK Gym due to a heating line replacement for one evening between May 7 and 9 (weather dependent) Traffic will be routed around the back of the ACS / Health Clinic Parking lot. Please look for detour signs.

Commissary parking lot and community streetlights to be replaced

Starting the second week of May, streets lights will be replaced along George Washington Loop in front of the Stable Theater. There will be minimal impact to through traffic.

Throughout the month of June, the Commissary parking lot lighting will be replaced. Parking will be affected intermittently during the work. However, traffic patterns and pedestrian access will not be changed. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Heating lines replaced in Flynn Housing area

Beginning end of May through mid August, heating lines will be replaced at various locations along Maple, Beech and Elm St. Work will be at or near buildings 7659 through 7666, and 7645, 7656, 7658. No service interruptions expected.

Weekly Reminders

Get to know Bamberg. Attend P.E.P., May 14 - 18

Are you new to USAG Bamberg? If this is your first tour overseas, then PEP is a "must"! Get to know the garrison and the town of Bamberg by touring the city with the ACS PEP program. Learn how to use the public transportation system, how to shop and visit the Bamberg Klinikum. Free childcare is provided (space is limited). PEP is free and takes place Mon. May 14 to Fri. May 18, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call Bamberg ACS at 0951-300-7777 for details.

Register for May Yard of the Month

Deadline for registration for the May Yard of the Month is Wed. May 23 at 3:30 p.m. Participants must register through the Housing Zone Coordinator SSG King at 469-7946 / Mobile 0162-270-9268. Win an AAFES Gift Card, a sign of recognition for your yard or balcony and much more! Judging will begin the week of May 28. Winners will be announced the first week of June.



The case lot crazies are coming!

Block out some time on Memorial Day Weekend to shop 'til you drop at the semiannual world-wide case lot sale. Go to <http://www.commissaries.com> and click on Bamberg and you'll find a listing of the items that will be available (listings may not be loaded until mid-May, so keep checking back.) Bamberg's case lot sale will be on Sat. May 26 and Sun. May 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come out early, stock up and SAVE!

Postage rate increase effective Mon. May 14



New First-Class .41 cent postage stamp

The new 41 cent flag stamp (left) and the new first class "Forever" stamp (below) are now available at the Bamberg Army Post Office. A reminder that the new postage rate of .41 cents begins on Mon. May 14. The current .39 cent stamps are still available as well as plenty of 2 cent stamps for customers to purchase to use with any .39 cents stamps.

Letters mailed with only 39 cents after Mon. May 14 will still be forwarded "postage due" to mail recipients with the exception of government offices, and to businesses who willingly pay the 2 cent postage due for their customers.

It is not necessary for customers to purchase large amounts of the new first class "Forever" stamp. The new stamp will be around for many years even after additional first class rate increases.



New Forever Stamp

Continuing Education Resources



Do YOU want to become a Recruiter?

Thur. May 17 - A Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Kentucky will brief qualifications and application procedures to all Soldiers interested in becoming an Army Recruiter. Briefing Times: **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

A Recruitment Team from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina will be in Bamberg on the following dates and times for a Civil Affairs and PSYOPS brief.

Wed. May 16 - from Ft. Bragg - Civil Affairs (CA) Recruitment Briefing Times: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Fri. May 18 - from Ft. Bragg - PSYOPS (Psychological Operations) Recruitment Briefing. Times: noon to 3 p.m.

All briefs will be held at the Bamberg Education Center, Bldg. 7047, 3rd Floor, Room 303. All applicants and/or their family members/friends are encouraged to attend.

In Bamberg contact Mr. James Willis at 469-8836.

james.willis@eur.army.mil

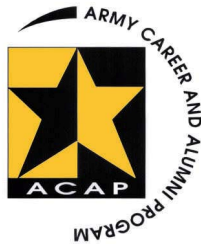
In Schweinfurt contact Mr. Timothy Calvo at 354-6858.

timothy.p.calvo@us.army.mil More information can be found at www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter

Make your transition a success.

Contact Bamberg ACAP

Start preparing for an easy and successful transition. Learn more about the Army Career and Alumni Programs offered in Bamberg by contacting Olivia Whittier at the ACAP office at 469-8925. The following resume writing and DOL/TAP workshops will take place in Preston Hall, Bldg 7080. For all workshops please call to reserve your seat.



ACAP Resume Writing Lab

Resumes can either open doors or eliminate you from the running. Be sure to demonstrate how you and your skills, experience, training and education match the employer's needs. Get the instruction you need to begin writing your resume at the next Bamberg ACAP Resume Writing Lab on Mon. May 21 from 1 -3:30 p.m. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Lab. (The next DOL/ TAP workshop is May 15 and 16.) Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. The Resume Writing Lab is offered twice a month, June 4 and 18 and July 2 and 16.

ACAP 2-Day DOL / TAP Workshop

Have you thought about what type of work you want to do in your next career or where you want to live? Do you know how much you need to earn to ensure you and your family have a decent quality of life? ACAP is offering a 2-Day job assistance workshop for separating and retiring service members and their families on May 15 and 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. The 2-Day DOL / Tap Workshop will be offered again June 12-13, August 14-15, October 16-17, and December 11-12

V.A. Benefits Briefing

Your military service has earned you valuable services and benefits, but you can only take advantage of them if you understand which you're eligible for and how to get them. ACAP is offering a VA Benefits Briefing on Tue. May 22 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Post Movie Theater. The briefing will explain what programs and services are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Ask the experts! Open to entire military community. Additional VA Briefings will be on June 19, July 24, and August 28.

Courses offered at DTF

The Bamberg Digital Training Facility located at Bldg. 7055 is offering the following classes in May:
BNCOC Phase I: May 7 - 25

For more information, please contact Lilian Benitez at DSN 469-8118. (BNCOC AI: Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR TRAIN UP; BNCOC : Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Phase I)

Health and Safety

TRICARE Overseas Prime Medical coverage for Soldiers and family members during upcoming deployment

By Kay Booth, Health Clinic Bamberg TRICARE MSC

The Bamberg TRICARE Medical Services Coordinator, Kay Booth reminds TRICARE participants to stop by the Bamberg office in room 119a at the Health Clinic and pickup your wallet sized "TRICARE Overseas Prime Enrollment Card". Many cards were been returned due to insufficient mailing addresses at time of enrollment. If your card did not arrive, a replacement card can be ordered.

Whether you are a Soldier currently getting ready to deploy, are on R&R leave and headed to the states, or civilian families members on vacation in the states, take time to review the following information to insure that your civilian emergency medical bills are properly submitted and paid.

For active duty civilian health care during deployment, R&R and leave

- **During Deployment**—Soldiers remain enrolled in TRICARE Overseas Prime at Bamberg
- **During R&R** - Health Care continues in Bamberg – No change in procedures. You may be seen at the Health Clinic and if care is unavailable, you will be given a referral. After hours emergency care will be sent to the Bamberg Klinikum
- **During R&R in the states** – Remember you are enrolled in TRICARE Overseas Prime at Bamberg. If health care is necessary during your trip to the states, if possible, always go to a military medical facility.
 - For **routine care** go to the nearest military medical facility or wait
 - For **urgent care** you may need prior approval from the Bamberg Health Clinic Commander. For assistance call: TRICARE Service Center toll-free at 888-777-8343 TRICARE Health Care Finder toll-free at (800) 242-6788
 - Need prior approval, call the Bamberg TRICARE Office at 001-49-951-300-7420 or email Kay.Booth@us.army.mil with your request. The Health Clinic Commander will review and approve if appropriate
 - For **emergency care** get yourself taken care of at the nearest medical facility

Note: A non-TRICARE provider may ask for payment up front or may give/send you the bill for payment. Remember, the bill can not be paid until TRICARE receives it and until it is paid your name is on the credit line! Send bills to the following address: **USAHC Bamberg, ATTN: BCAC Office, Unit 27528 APO, AE 09139.**

For Family member civilian health care during sponsors deployment

- **Remaining in Bamberg** – Health Care continues in Bamberg – No change in procedures. You may be seen at the Health Clinic and if care is unavailable, you will be given a referral. After hours emergency care will be sent to the Bamberg Klinikum

• Returning to the States – BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Come to the TRICARE Office at the Health Clinic, Room 119a to complete a Portability Form – this form ensures a smooth transition of your TRICARE benefits if staying more than 60 days in the states.
- Civilian medical care while on vacation – Pick up a Fact Sheet “Traveling with TRICARE” at TRICARE Office.
- Early Return of Dependents – If Army pays for your return to the States, you lose command sponsored status.
- For individual information come to the TRICARE Office

• Someone coming to stay/assist you:

- ID Card Holder, (*Active duty family member or retiree/ retiree family member*) must register in the Bamberg Health Clinic system, then they may be seen at the Health Clinic at no cost. Only TRICARE Standard available for civilian care overseas without command sponsorship
- Non-ID Card Holder – Generally can not be seen at the Health Clinic. Must be seen on the economy and should have private insurance. Pick up Fact Sheet reference “Traveling without TRICARE” at the TRICARE Office.

For more information contact your USA Health Clinic Bamberg TRICARE Medical Services Coordinator contact, Kay Booth at DSN 469-7420 or CIV 0951-300-7420

Email: Kay.Booth@us.army.mil. Visit the TRICARE Website: www.tricare.mil or www.europe.tricare.osd.mil

School News

Online Drivers Ed Can Mean Credits In DoDDS-E High Schools

Department of Defense Dependents Schools - Europe, News Release

Department of Defense Dependent School high school students, Europe wide, can now take online Driver's Education courses and receive elective grade credit upon completion. The Department of Defense Education Activity recently agreed to allow elective credit for driver's education from any certified university correspondence class.

Completion of an online course will not result in a student being licensed in many European countries. For example, the minimum age for driving in Germany is 17 and U.S. family members must already have a valid stateside license or a country license before they obtain a U.S Army Europe certificate of license. Those who do not have a valid stateside license are considered "novice" drivers in Germany and must go through German licensing procedures to obtain a license. The process is very lengthy and expensive.

Documented completion of an online Driver's Education course in the student's transcript usually means reduced insurance rates for teenagers.

Correspondence courses require the principal's and the parent's permission. Students are asked to discuss the courses with their school Guidance Counselor if they are interested in taking Driver's Ed.

BES Calendar of Events

Wed. May 9 No school for students (teacher workday preparing for new math programs)

Join SAC

What is SAC? The Bamberg School Advisory Council (SAC) keeps the principal informed on concerns affecting the operations of the elementary school. This includes school policies, instructional programs, administrative policies, student's standards of conduct and other educationally related matters. To get involved in SAC attend our meetings held at the school once a quarter. Elections for new members for next year will be held on May 8. Please come and give us your input. For more information email: bambergsac@yahoo.com.

Vote on BES dress code in May

Have your say! Voting on the Bamberg elementary school dress code policy will be held in the elementary school lobby May 21-25 from 8 to 10 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. and May 29-30 from 8 to 10 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. One vote per family with children attending BES during school year 07/08. For more information contact Kim Kozel, School Liaison Officer at DSN 469-7891 or CIV 09510300-7891.

Kids & Teens

Application deadlines near for youth programs

Summer Hire program applications are being accepted now through May 11. Eligible applicants need to complete an online resume at www.chra.eur.army.mil/staffing/summerhire/default.htm. E-mail Summer Hire questions to SummerhireInquiry@eur.army.mil.

Don't miss the Jungle Book this Saturday

See the Missoula Children's theater performance of the “Jungle Book” at the Stable Theater on Sat. May 5 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and reservations are recommended. Call the Stable Theater at CIV 0951-300-8647.

Adult Volunteers needed for Scouting Programs



Two Scouts competing in an annual Pinewood Derby.

Be part of a fun-filled, worthwhile program that teaches values. For more information on how to become a Boy Scouts of America volunteer leader contact Mr. Carlos Lopez at 0151-111-85141 or Erik Verhoef at 0170-668-7458 for more information.



Cub Scouting - is for boys in first through fifth grades or ages 7 through 10



Boy Scouting - is for boys ages 11 through 17



Venture Crews - is for young men and women ages 14 through 20



Join Boy Scout Troop 40

Boys ages 11 through 17 are invited to join Bamberg Boy Scout Troop 40. The troop meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the scout hut located in Bldg. 7480. The Boys Scouts of America is an organization that prepares youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath Law. For information or to join Troop 40 contact Mr. Carlos Lopez at 0151-111-85141 or Erik Verhoef at 0170-668-7458 for more information.

Sports and Fitness



Bamberg Whispering Pines 2007 Golf Tournament Schedule

May 12	Commander's Cup
July 14	German-American Ryder Cup
Aug 25	Richard Duck Tournament
Sept. 22 & 23	Club Championship

Golf Scramble on Thursday Nights

Join the weekly Thursday Night Scramble Golf Tournament at 5 p.m. at Bamberg's Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry fee is only \$5 per person. Please register by 4:30 p.m. Tournament starts at 5 p.m. Contact the Golf Pro-Shop at DSN 469-8953 for more information.

Entertainment & Leisure

Mother's Day Brunch offered at Warner Club

Make reservations for the Mother's Day brunch at the Warner Club on Sun. May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All moms will be greeted with a flower and complimentary glass of champagne for each parent. \$13.50 per adult, \$7.50 for each child 12 and under or a family discount price of \$36 (2 adults, 2 children). Call 0951-300-7596 to reserve your seats.

BSCC Make it, Bake it, Grow it, buy it luncheon

Save the date for the Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club's "Make it, Bake it, Grow it, buy it" end of the season luncheon on Thur. May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the outside patio and grounds of the Warner Club. All members are asked to bring an item to raffle that they made, baked, grew, or bought. Cost of luncheon will be \$10 or less.* Come out and meet the new 2007/08 executive board at our last luncheon this year. Please RSVP to bscc_reservations@hotmail.com by May 7th.

Lt. Dan Band set to perform in Ansbach

The Lt. Dan Band, headed by Gary Sinise of "Forrest Gump" and "CSI: New York" fame, will play at USAG Ansbach on Wed. May 9 at 7 p.m. The free concert will take place in Hangar 2 on Katterbach Kaserne and the area will open up at 6:30 p.m. The concert is open to Military I.D. card holders only. For more information, call DSN 468-7636 or CIV 0981-183-636. The Lt. Dan Band has completed four tours for the USO and performs regularly for troops stationed around the world. Check it out at www.ltdanband.com

Battle of the Bands, Stars of Tomorrow.

Local registration closes on Fri. May 11



Local bands and performers can battle it out at the IMCOM-E Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow Competitions. US Army Garrison Ansbach will host the 27th Annual IMA-E Battle of Bands on May 26, and Stars of Tomorrow talent contest May 27. Contests will be held daily at 2 p.m. at the Katterbach Fitness Center.

Winners will be announced at the end of

each day's competition. Battle of the band prizes are \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place. Four individual awards of \$100 + trophies will be given for best guitarist, bass guitarist, drummer and vocalist.

Stars of Tomorrow categories are Male or Female Vocalist, Vocal Duet, Vocal Solo- Self Accompanied, Specialty Solo, Instrumental Solo, and Specialty Group. Awards will be \$500 for first place, and \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place. For applications and rules for entries call Jack Austin at Bamberg Stable Theater at 0951-300-8647

Job Opportunities

Job opportunities listed online

For all job opportunities in the local area and world-wide go to the U.S. Army Civilian Personnel Online Web Site at www.cpol.army.mil Job search and resumix application assistance is available through the Bamberg ACS Employment Readiness Office. Call Jeffery Card at 469-7787 for more information.

Contract for a Writer/Editor needed immediately

Deadline for submissions is Fri. May 11

The Bamberg Public Affairs Office is looking for a Writer/Editor to fill a non-personal service contract with a price range of \$12,800-\$16,000. The contract will run for one year. Interested parties should contact the RCO Franconia or connect to the link provided below for a copy of the solicitation, number W912PG-07-T-0117, which will be used for submission of offer.

Completed offers are accepted until Fri. May 11, 2007, at midnight www.usacce.army.mil/frc The potential contractor will have one year experience in writing, journalism or an associated field paid or volunteer. Familiarity with digital photography and Microsoft Publisher software is essential. Work will be performed in an office on Warner Barracks Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Hassan El-Annan at 469-9401.

Outside the Gate

Time for Noise

Bamberg Public Affairs Office

In many of the cities and suburbs of the United States the proper time for work or play seems to be anytime, but to make friends and stay friends with your German neighbors, it helps to know a few things about proper timing.

Federal German Law states that grass cutting, trimmer use, and leaf blower use is prohibited on Sundays and German holidays. Monday through Saturday (except for holidays) you can cut the grass or use an electric edge trimmer from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A gasoline powered edge trimmer or grass blower can only be used from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. However in order to keep peace in the neighborhood and between neighbors, please mind the Mittagspause or mid-day break between 1 to 3 p.m. and turn off lawn care appliances.

Mittagspause, or siesta, is practiced Monday through Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Germany (many people even request that you stop your activity as early as noon). The quiet hours apply to any activity that makes noise, such as practicing the piano, vacuuming or mowing the lawn. Traditionally it is time to sit down, eat lunch, take a nap and short break from the noise. The mid-day pause originated in the warmer regions of the world where a Siesta was needed because the heat of high noon made work (prior to air condition) nearly impossible.

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg

Enjoy the Frankonian Way of Life and check out the events at the Kirchweih Calendar. Kirchweih means church or parish fair and is celebrated every year. Find the calendar online (in German) here: www.Kirchweihkalender-bamberg.de

Bamberg Volksfest:

May 4 to May 20 at the Plärrer (Breitenau, Parking lot near Airfield off of Berliner Ring). Open daily. With fairs and rides.

Friday, May 4

- All day Wine Fest at Kolitzheim-Stammheim, Sports Club
(*Direction Schweinfurt/Volkach*)
- 6 p.m. Sushi Night at Palais Schrottenberg (*Kasernstr. 1*)
- 8 p.m. Kai und Stefan - notnecessarily stoned But beautiful at Stilbruch (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)
- 8:30 p.m. Parish Fair at Hallstadt, Parking lot of Sports Club SV Hallstadt (*Am Sportplatz 26*)
- 9 p.m. Stereo Heaven at Sound 'n' Arts, (*Obere Sandstraße 20*)
- 9 p.m. Subtone "Next Jazz-Generation" at Jazzclub, (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)
- 9 p.m. ToMac at Blues Bar, (*Obere Sandstraße 18*)
- 10 p.m. you deserve better! krafty kuts break beat, hiphop, electro at Morph Club, (*Siechenstraße 7a*)

Saturday, May 5

- All day Wine Fest at Kolitzheim-Stammheim, Sports Club
(*Direction Schweinfurt/Volkach*)
- 6 a.m. Flea Market at Real Supermarket 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(*Emil Kemmern Str / Laubanger, Hallstadt*)
- 6 a.m. Volks-Marching, Starting times from 6 a.m.-11 a.m.
Starting Point *Gym in Kemnath Stadt*, B22 towards Bayreuth, Call 09471/7946
- 7 a.m. Volks-Marching, Starting times from 7 a.m. to noon,
Starting Point *Graf-Stauffenberg-School/Blue School (Kloster-Langheim-Strasse)*, Call 0951-15776
- 11 a.m. 32. International Kinder Fest Wuerzburg
From 11 a.m.—5 p.m. *Downtown*
- 6 p.m. Sushi Night at Palais Schrottenberg (*Kasernstr. 1*)
- 7 p.m. Charity Concert with Italina and Irish songs at Studio 13 (*Luitpoldstr. 40*)
- 8 p.m. Bamberg Symphony Orchestra in concert at Congress Hall (*Musstrasse 1*)
- 8:30 p.m. Parish Fair at Hallstadt, Parking lot of Sports Club SV Hallstadt (*Am Sportplatz 26*)
- 9 p.m. Macca Hifi presents: MassiveBeatz at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Beat Kaestli Group at Jazzkeller (*Obere Sandstrs. 18*)
- 9 p.m. Live: Band at Work at Club Kaulberg
(*Unterer Kaulberg 36*)
- 9 p.m. Knopf 9 at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstrasse 18*)
- 10 p.m. 30 Plus Party (non smoking) at Live-Club
(*Obere Sandstrasse 7*)
- 10 p.m. Rex report:punkrock, powerpop at Morph Club
(*Siechenstrasse 7a*)
- 10:30 p.m. Night of the Choirs at St. Stephan Church

Sunday, May 6

- All Day 3. Bamberg World Heritage Run (*all over downtown*)
<http://www.weltkulturerbelauf.de/>,
Roads will be closed throughout downtown

- All Day Wine Fest at Kolitzheim-Stammheim, Sports Club
(*Direction Schweinfurt/Volkach*)
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- 10 a.m. Brunch (breakfast + lunch) at Palais Schrottenberg
(*Kasernstr. 1*)
- 2 p.m. Jewish History in Bamberg (guided city tour in German) at Pfahlplaetzchen, (*Unterer Kaulberg*)
- 7:30 p.m. Gospel Concert "Flames of Gospel" at Erloeserkirche (*Kunigundendamm 1*)
- 8 p.m. Jam Session mit Heiner, Martin & Friends at Sound'n'Art (*Obere Sandstrasse 20*)
- 9 p.m. Daniel T. Coates at Blues Bar (*Obere Sandstr. 18*)

Monday, May 7

- All Day Wine Fest at Kolitzheim-Stammheim, Sports Club
(*Direction Schweinfurt/Volkach*)
- 9 p.m. Dance at Live Club (*Obere Sandstr. 7*)

Tuesday, May 8

- 8 p.m. Oliver Pocher Comedian at Jako Arena
(Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store)
- 9 p.m. Kyran at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 10 p.m. Charity Concert at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)

Wednesday, May 9

- 7 p.m. Concert of Brass Classes of Bamberg
Music School at Congress Hall (Mussstrasse 1)
- 8 p.m. Improv Theater at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Paul Stowe at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. Pit Pop with DJ Flo at Stilbruch (Obere Sandstr. 18)
- 10 p.m. Party at Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)

Thursday, May 10

- 8:30 p.m. Comedy-Lounge at Teegiesserei
(Am Pfahlplatzchen 2)
- 9 p.m. Johnny, Rock and Folk at Sound'n'Art
(Obere Sandstrasse 20)
- 9 p.m. Paul Stowe at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstrasse 18)
- 9 p.m. mini moustache (disco house) at
Morph Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)

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As seen in the Fränkischer Tag...**News summaries from April 27 through May 3****Unions begins token strikes in Bavaria**

In the ongoing collective bargaining round for the German metal and electrical industry, the union has now announced the first token strikes for Bavaria. More than 100,000 employees of more than 100 companies participate. There are also protest actions in many other federal states. The union demands 6.5 percent more money, while the employers offer 2.5% plus 0.5% as bonus for the economic situation.

German Authorities Warn of Forest Fires after Dry Weather

This April appears to have been the driest since Germany has been recording the weather. Farmers and foresters alike are concerned, even as city dwellers flock to the beer gardens in their shirtsleeves. Some regions have seen no rain since early March, while most of the country has been dry throughout April. Some parts of Germany have reached level five on the "drought index" -- the highest level. Farmers are beginning to worry about their cereal crops.

City Council discusses new pool

The City Council started the discussion on a new public indoor pool for Bamberg. It needs to be analyzed whether a renovation of the old pool or a completely new construction is required. While the issue is burning to clubs, schools and the citizens of Bamberg, the Council has to figure out how to finance the plans. 20 million Euros will be needed for the various concepts.

German Beekeepers Fighting for the Future

Bee populations in the US have dramatically dropped over the last six months. German beekeepers have also faced losses in recent years. But here fears are greater that the tradition of beekeeping could face extinction. In Germany, the agricultural value of the pollination work done by bees amounts to some 2.5 billion euros (\$3.41 billion). Beekeeping in Germany often tends to be a labor of love. The German Beekeepers' Federation has some 81,000 members on its books -- all of them small-scale or hobby beekeepers with an average of nine bee colonies per member. Only some 500 to 600 professional beekeepers exist in Germany as a whole, despite the national love of honey. Only 20 percent of the honey consumed here is domestically produced. And although beekeeping has traditionally been very much a rural pastime that does not mean that city dwellers have to be excluded. A Berlin bee has even been bred especially to suit urban conditions.

Gumball Rally Racers Flagged Down by German Police

Gumball 3000, an illegal race stretching across Europe, includes from Ferraris to Lamborghinis and Rolls Royce's, but also ice cream trucks, VW campers and even a Turkish taxi. But even this race for the rich and famous ran into trouble when it came up against German police, who told them to slow it down. They handed out hefty "security deposit" tickets of around 420 euros (\$574) to nearly 70 speedsters in the three German states. One racer was even caught driving 150 kilometers per hour (93 miles per hour) in an 80-kph zone. Police forbade the race from continuing through Germany from Belgium. Gumballers had to downshift and allow themselves to be escorted by German police in convoys.

Interreligious Women's Initiative

Two students coordinate several meetings for women to get to know women of other religions. Christian, Jewish and Muslim women are invited to get together. The meetings will be at the Bamberg mosque, the Synagogue and a Christian church. POC 0951-2975964. The project was started three years ago and has already lead to many positive results.

Musician from South Korea wins in Bamberg

At the Gustav Mahler Conductor Competition of the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, the South Korean Shi-Yeon Sung won 10,000 Euro. The American Benjamin Shwartz made it to the third place; Yoel Gamzou from the United States won the price for Junior Conductors.

Hain park pavilion demolished

The historical wood pavilion in the Hain park has been demolished by unknown offenders. Police estimates that it happened between April 20 - April 25 and is now calling for eyewitnesses.

Brose Baskets lost in Frankfurt

The basketball team Brose Baskets from Bamberg, third in national ranking, lost the second trial match against Frankfurt Skyliners. Two days after loosing 72:77 in the Jako Arena, the team also lost in Frankfurt 61:64.

Young guys flashed police

For the fun of it, five young guys in Gundelsdorf near Kronach scared car drivers by flashing them with a camera flash pretending to be speed controllers. However, one of the cars flashed was a police patrol.

2-year old locks out family on balcony

When the parents of a 2 year old girl went on their balcony the little girl locked the balcony door from the inside. Fortunately, the parents had a mobile and called the fire department. The rescuers then entered through an open window and unlocked the balcony door.

Python at the beach

People were not amused at a beach in Binsfeld when a young man brought his pet to the local lake. He owns a 25k albino tiger python. Swimmers called the police and the man brought the snake back home.

Wattendorf fighting for Guinness book entry

So far, the entry in the Guinness Book of World Records states that the village Aufsess near Bamberg has the highest number of breweries per inhabitants, i.e. one for every 375. Now, the village of Wattendorf claims the title, having two breweries and 723 inhabitants, which makes it 361,5 inhabitants per brewery.

AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Sat.	May 5	The Astronaut Farmer (PG)	4 p.m.
		Vacancy (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 6	The Astronaut Farmer (PG)	4 p.m.
		Music and Lyrics (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	May 7	The Number 23 (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	May 10	Music and Lyrics (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 11	Ghost Rider (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 12	Ghost Rider (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Fracture (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 13	Ghost Rider (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Reno 911!:Miami (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	May 14	Fracture (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	May 17	Reno 911!:Miami (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 18	Spider-Man 3 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 19	Premonition (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Spider-Man 3 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 20	Premonition (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Spider-Man 3 (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	May 21	I Think I Love My Wife (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	May 24	Dead Silence (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	May 25	Zodiac (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 26	Lucky You (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		300 (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 27	Lucky You (PG-13)	3 p.m.
		Black Snake Moan (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	May 28	300 (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	May 31	Black Snake Moan (PG-13)	7 p.m.

Bamberg May Movies

Monthly movie synopsis information can be found here in the Warner Weekly at the top of every Month or online at www.aafes.com. Movies are listed in the order they will appear.



Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girl

(Rated PG-13) (Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba)

A single father lives in a poor neighborhood and struggles to make ends meet as he raises his three young daughters on his own. But when the courts award custody of his daughters to his corrupt, drug-dealing ex-wife, Monty desperately tries to win them back, enlisting the help of Julia, a beautiful--and hard-nosed--attorney he meets during his short stint as a chauffeur. While Monty and the Ivy-League-educated Julia couldn't be less alike, an unexpected romance blossoms--and it soon begins to feel like true love. But in order for their relationship to survive, the couple must reconcile their two very different worlds--and overcome the forces that threaten to tear Monty's family apart.



Vacancy (Rated R)

(Luke Wilson, Kate Beckinsale)

When David and Amy's car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, they are forced to spend the night at the only motel around, with only the TV to entertain them... until they discover that the low-budget slasher movies they're watching were all filmed in the very room they're sitting in. With hidden cameras now aimed at them... trapping them in rooms, crawlspaces, underground tunnels... and filming their every move, David and Amy must struggle to get out alive before whom-ever is watching them can finish their latest masterpiece. Rated R (brutal violence, terror, nudity, language) 97 min.



The Astronaut Farmer (Rated PG)

(Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen)

From the time he was a child, Charles Farmer had only one goal: to be an astronaut. Earning his degree in aerospace engineering and joining the Air Force as a pilot, Farmer was a natural for NASA's astronaut training program when a family situation forced him to drop out. But Farmer was not a man to let anything stand in the way of a dream. He spent the next decade and every cent he had building his own rocket on his ranch in Texas, working toward the day when he could launch it into space. Farmer knows this is his only chance--to instill in his children the courage to pursue their own dreams, no matter the odds.



Music and Lyrics (Rated PG-13)

(Hugh Grant, Drew Barrymore)

Alex Fletcher is a washed-up '80s pop star who's been reduced to working the nostalgia circuit at county fairs and amusement parks. The charismatic and talented musician gets a chance at a comeback when reigning diva Cora Corman invites him to write and record a duet with her, but there's a problem--Alex hasn't written a chord in years, he's never written lyrics, and he has to come up with a hit in a matter of days. Enter Sophie Fisher, Alex's beguilingly quirky plant lady, whose flair for words strikes a chord with the struggling songwriter. Rated PG-13 (sexual content) 106 min

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**The Number 23 (Rated R)**

(Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen)

A man's life unravels after he comes into contact with an obscure book titled "The Number 23". As he reads the book, he becomes increasingly convinced that it is based on his own life. His obsession with the number 23 starts to consume him, and he begins to realize the book forecasts far graver consequences for his life than he could have ever imagined. Rated R (violence, disturbing images, sexuality, language) 102 min

**Ghost Rider (Rated PG-13)**

(Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes)

A motorcycle stuntman, Johnny Blaze, makes a pact with a dark force, selling his soul to save his girlfriend. When the bargain goes sour and the girl isn't saved, Blaze is transformed, gaining raging superpowers. Based on the Marvel comic series. Rated PG-13 (horror violence, disturbing images) 110 min

**Fracture (Rated R)**

(Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling)

When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder—the perfect murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Detective Rob Nunally, the only officer permitted entry to the house. Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Although Jennifer was shot at point blank range, Nunally realizes she isn't dead. Crawford is immediately arrested and arraigned after confessing but nothing is as simple as it seems. Rated R (language, violent content) 113 min

**Reno 911! (Rated R)**

(Robert Ben Garant, Thomas Lennon)

The officers of the Reno police department visit a national police convention in Miami Beach. When the convention center is bio-attacked, it's up to Reno's "finest" to save the day. Rated R (sexual content, nudity, crude humor, language, drug use) 81 min

**Spider-Man 3 (Rated PG-13)**

(Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst)

Peter Parker has finally managed to strike a balance between his devotion to M.J. and his duties as a superhero. But there is a storm brewing on the horizon. When his suit suddenly changes, turning jet-black and enhancing his powers, it transforms Peter as well, bringing out the dark, vengeful side of his personality that he is struggling to control. Under the influence of the suit, Peter becomes overconfident and starts to neglect the people who care for him most. Forced to choose between the seductive power of the new suit and the compassionate hero he used to be, Peter must overcome his personal demons. Rated PG-13 (intense action violence) 96 min

**Premonition (Rated PG-13)**

(Sandra Bullock, Julian McMahon)

Linda Hanson has a beautiful house, a loving husband and two adorable daughters. Her life is perfect, until the day she receives the devastating news that her husband Jim has died in a car accident. When she wakes up the next morning to find him alive and well, she assumes it was all a dream, but is shaken by how vivid it felt. She soon realizes it wasn't a dream, and her world is turned upside down. Rated PG-13 (violence, disturbing images, thematic material, language) 96 min

**I Think I Love My Wife (Rated PG-13)**

(Chris Rock, Kerry Washington)

Richard Cooper has it all. His wife, Brenda, is beautiful, intelligent and a fantastic mother to his children—but there's just one little problem: he's bored out of his suburban businessman's mind. Richard can't help but fantasize about having nearly every woman he sees. Still, it's only fantasy. Then, one fateful day, an alluring, free-spirited, not to mention stunning, old friend, Nikki, suddenly appears at his office door, putting him to the ultimate test. Just how much is Richard Cooper willing to risk when temptation comes after him? After all, he really does love his wife—at least he thinks he does. Rated R (language, sexual content) 94 min

**Dead Silence (Rated R)**

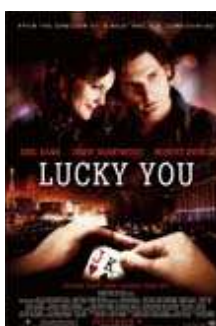
(Amber Valletta, Ryan Kwanten)

There is an old ghost story in the sleepy town of Ravens Fair about Mary Shaw, a ventriloquist who went mad. Accused of the murder of a young boy, she was hunted down by vengeful townspeople who cut out her tongue and killed her. They buried her along with her "children," a hand-made collection of vaudeville dolls. Since that time, Ravens Fair has been plagued by death. Rated R (horror violence, images) 89 min

**Zodiac (Rated R)**

(Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo)

As a serial killer terrifies the San Francisco Bay Area and taunts police with his ciphers and letters, investigators in four jurisdictions search for the murderer. The case will become an obsession for four men as their lives and careers are built and destroyed by the endless trail of clues. Rated R (strong killings, language, drug material, sexual images) 158 min

**Lucky You (Rated R)**

(Eric Bana, Drew Barrymore)

In the world of high-stakes poker, Huck Cheever (Bana) is a blaster—a player who goes all out, all the time. But in his personal relationships, Huck plays it safe avoiding commitments and long-term expectations. When Huck sets out to win the main event of the 2003 World Series of Poker—and the affections of a young singer from Bakersfield (Barrymore)—Huck learns that to win in the games of life and poker, he must try to play cards the way he has been living his life and live his life the way he has been playing cards.

**300 (Rated R)**

In this adaptation of Frank Miller's acclaimed graphic novel, Gerard Butler ('The Phantom of the Opera') stars as Leonidas, king of Sparta. In 481 B.C., Persian King Xerxes invaded Greece with a massive and seemingly invincible army of warriors. But once they reached the pass of Thermopylae in 480 B.C., they came upon King Leonidas with a determined group of 300 Spartan men, who engaged the Persian army for three days in a battle of epic proportions. The film will be shot in much the same manner as Miller's 'Sin City,' making extensive use of computer-generated imagery.

**Black Snake Moan (Rated R)**

(Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci)

Bitter and broken from a cheating wife and a shattered marriage, Lazarus' soul is lost in spent dreams and betrayal's contempt--until Rae. Half naked and beaten unconscious, Rae is left for dead on the side of the road when Lazarus discovers her. Lazarus quickly learns that the young woman he's nursing back to health is none other than the town tramp from the small Tennessee town where they live. Worse, she has a peculiar anxiety disorder. He realizes when the fever hits, Rae's affliction has more to do with love lost than any found. Refusing to know her in the biblical sense, Lazarus decides to cure Rae of her wicked ways--and vent some unresolved male vengeance of his own. Rated R (sexual content, language, violence, drug use) 118 min